

SOMERSET COUNTY
ROAD CONSULTANT
Job Description
1998

It shall be the responsibility of the **Road Consultant** to look after all road projects in the Unorganized Townships of Somerset County. The **Road Consultant** shall determine the road projects to be done in Somerset County, write the appropriate bid specs for the projects, inspect the road projects regularly to make sure everything is being done to the approved standards, order all material needed for such projects (write appropriate bid spec sheets, if necessary, for materials) and meet with the contractors regularly. It shall be the responsibility of the **Road Consultant** to update the Commissioners on all road projects, inspections, etc. All road projects, etc. must have prior approval from the Commissioners. The **Road Consultant** shall submit to the Commissioners reports on all road projects, as needed. Any road projects requiring bids shall be opened and awarded by the Commissioners. The Commissioners may at anytime add to this job description any duties that they feel are necessary to improve or maintain the quality of roads in Somerset County's Unorganized Townships. This agreement/job description may be terminated at any time by either party.

The annual contract price for this position shall be ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) yearly plus mileage. The **Road Consultant** shall be an independent contractor.

(3 years starting 4-1-98 thru 3-31-2001)

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**DESCRIPTION OF ROAD WORK IN THE
UNORGANIZED TOWNSHIPS OF
SOMERSET COUNTY**

Somerset County has the responsibility for maintaining roads and bridges as follows:

	Winter Miles	Summer Miles
Lexington Township	1.04 Miles	12.09 Miles
Tomhegan Township	5.50 Miles	04.46 Miles
Moxie Gore Township	3.17 Miles	03.17 Miles
Mayfield Township	7.63 Miles	00.00 Miles
Rockwood/Taunton-Raynham	3.48 Miles	03.24 Miles
Concord Township	12.85 Miles	13.49 Miles
Lexington/Dead River/ Carrying Place & Spring Lake	30.52 Miles	12.73 Miles
Pleasant Ridge	<u>01.00 Miles</u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL MILES	64.19 Miles	49.18 Miles

The winter maintenance is mostly put out to bid on a three year basis (five separate contractors). The contractors supply everything except the salt which is furnished by the County. The exceptions to this are in two areas where we have agreements with the municipalities snow removal operations.

The summer road maintenance is performed by private contractors under the direction of the road consultant and the County Commissioners. The contractors check the roads during storms for flooding, washouts and blow downs and take the appropriate emergency measures to insure the safety of the traveling traffic. All regular maintenance is planned by the road consultant and authorized by the County Commissioners.

Somerset County currently has no salt/sand facilities of its own. In three of the contract areas the contractor has uncovered salt/sand piles that are grand fathered by DEP. In one area the private contractor has an approved salt/sand building and finally in one area we have negotiated with the MDOT to purchase the mixed salt/sand if needed.

All of the areas mentioned above are considered at priority level five by the State.

The County is currently setting aside capital funds to purchase land and construct salt/sand storage buildings. It is the County's intent to own all facilities in the future as State funds become available. We are doing this in order to insure that all contractors can bid competitively and that to eliminate the possibility of becoming dependant on any single contractor.